

What is claimed is:

- 1 1. A method for scheduling travel on a charter transport, comprising:
 - 2 obtaining from a traveler a passenger accommodation request
 - 3 identifying an origin-destination-pair;
 - 4 automatically identifying one or more charter transports having an
 - 5 available passenger accommodation; and
 - 6 notifying the traveler of the available passenger accommodation.
- 1 2. The method of claim 1, wherein the passenger accommodation request is obtained from an agent of the traveler.
- 1 3. The method of claim 1, wherein the passenger accommodation request is obtained from a reservation system.
- 1 4. The method of claim 1, wherein an agent of the traveler is notified of the available passenger accommodation.
- 1 5. The method of claim 1, wherein a reservation system is notified of the available passenger accommodation.
- 1 6. The method of claim 1, further comprising requesting bids to provide a passenger accommodation.
- 1 7. The method of claim 1, further comprising requesting bids from a plurality of charter transport operators to provide a passenger accommodation.
- 1 8. The method of claim 1, further comprising requesting bids from a plurality of charter transport operators to provide a passenger accommodation related to the request.

- 1 9. The method of claim 1, further comprising receiving bids to provide a
2 passenger accommodation.
- 1 10. The method of claim 1, further comprising receiving bids to provide a
2 passenger accommodation related to the request.
- 1 11. The method of claim 1, further comprising receiving bids from a plurality of
2 charter transport operators to provide a passenger accommodation.
- 1 12. The method of claim 1, further comprising receiving bids from a plurality of
2 charter transport operators to provide a passenger accommodation related to
3 the request.
- 1 13. The method of claim 1, further comprising selecting a bid to provide a
2 passenger accommodation.
- 1 14. The method of claim 1, further comprising selecting a bid from a plurality of
2 bids to provide a passenger accommodation.
- 1 15. The method of claim 1, further comprising selecting a lowest bid from a
2 plurality of bids to provide a passenger accommodation.
- 1 16. The method of claim 1, further comprising forwarding to the traveler a bid to
2 provide a passenger accommodation.
- 1 17. The method of claim 1, further comprising forwarding to the traveler a
2 plurality of bids to provide a passenger accommodation.
- 1 18. The method of claim 1, further comprising forwarding to the traveler bids

2 from a plurality of charter transport operators to provide a passenger
3 accommodation.

1 19. The method of claim 1, further comprising forwarding to the traveler a bid to
2 provide a passenger accommodation related to the request.

1 20. The method of claim 1, further comprising forwarding to the traveler a
2 plurality of bids to provide a passenger accommodation related to the
3 request.

1 21. The method of claim 1, further comprising forwarding to the traveler bids
2 from a plurality of charter transport operators to provide a passenger
3 accommodation related to the request.

1 22. The method of claim 1, further comprising offering to the traveler a
2 passenger accommodation.

1 23. The method of claim 1, further comprising offering to the traveler a
2 passenger accommodation related to the request.

1 24. The method of claim 1, further comprising receiving an acceptance of an
2 offered passenger accommodation.

1 25. The method of claim 1, further comprising receiving information relating to a
2 charter transport's availability.

1 26. The method of claim 1, further comprising receiving information relating to a
2 charter transport's capacity.

1 27. The method of claim 1, further comprising receiving information relating to

- an availability of one or more passenger accommodations on a charter transport.
- 1 28. The method of claim 1, further comprising receiving information relating to an availability of one or more passenger accommodations on a charter transport for a time period.
- 1 29. The method of claim 1, further comprising receiving information relating to an availability of one or more passenger accommodations on a charter transport run.
- 1 30. The method of claim 1, further comprising checking information relating to a charter transport's availability.
- 1 31. The method of claim 1, further comprising matching the request to an available passenger accommodation.
- 1 32. The method of claim 1, further comprising communicating a charter transport's availability to the traveler.
- 1 33. The method of claim 1, further comprising aggregating the request with other requests.
- 1 34. The method of claim 1, further comprising scheduling a charter transport run based on one or more requests.
- 1 35. The method of claim 1, further comprising reserving the available passenger accommodation.
- 1 36. The method of claim 1, further comprising reserving the available passenger

2 accommodation for the traveler.

1 37. The method of claim 1, further comprising charging for the available
2 passenger accommodation.

1 38. The method of claim 1, further comprising charging the traveler for the
2 available passenger accommodation.

1 39. The method of claim 1, further comprising billing for the available passenger
2 accommodation.

1 40. The method of claim 1, further comprising billing the traveler for the
2 available passenger accommodation.

1 41. The method of claim 1, further comprising collecting payment for the
2 available passenger accommodation.

1 42. The method of claim 1, further comprising collecting payment from the
2 traveler for the available passenger accommodation.

1 43. The method of claim 1, wherein the request is obtained via the Internet.

1 44. The method of claim 1, wherein the request is obtained via e-mail.

1 45. The method of claim 1, wherein the request is obtained via pager.

1 46. The method of claim 1, wherein the request is obtained via telephone.

1 47. The method of claim 1, wherein the request is obtained via fax.

- 1 48. The method of claim 1, wherein the request is a committed request.
- 1 49. The method of claim 1, wherein the request is a notification request.
- 1 50. The method of claim 1, wherein the request is a standing request.
- 1 51. The method of claim 1, wherein the request identifies a date of departure
2 from an origin identified in the origin-destination-pair.
- 1 52. The method of claim 1, wherein the request identifies a time period of
2 departure from an origin identified in the origin-destination-pair.
- 1 53. The method of claim 1, wherein the request identifies a time of departure
2 from an origin identified in the origin-destination-pair.
- 1 54. The method of claim 1, wherein the request identifies a date of arrival at a
2 destination identified in the origin-destination-pair.
- 1 55. The method of claim 1, wherein the request identifies a time period of arrival
2 at a destination identified in the origin-destination-pair.
- 1 56. The method of claim 1, wherein the request identifies a time of arrival at a
2 destination identified in the origin-destination-pair.
- 1 57. The method of claim 1, wherein the passenger accommodation is a seat.
- 1 58. The method of claim 1, wherein the passenger accommodation is a cabin.
- 1 59. The method of claim 1, wherein the passenger accommodation is a bunk.

- 1 60. The method of claim 1, wherein the charter transport is a charter airplane.
- 1 61. The method of claim 1, wherein the charter transport is a charter jet.
- 1 62. The method of claim 1, wherein the charter transport is a charter helicopter.
- 1 63. The method of claim 1, wherein the charter transport is a charter automobile.
- 1 64. The method of claim 1, wherein the charter transport is a charter limousine.
- 1 65. The method of claim 1, wherein the charter transport is a charter water-craft.
- 1 66. The method of claim 1, wherein the charter transport is a charter yacht.
- 1 67. The method of claim 1, wherein the charter transport is a charter sailboat.
- 1 68. The method of claim 1, wherein the notification is sent to the traveler
2 automatically.
- 1 69. The method of claim 1, wherein the notification is sent to the traveler fully-
2 automatically.
- 1 70. The method of claim 1, wherein the notification is sent to the traveler semi-
2 automatically.
- 1 71. The method of claim 1, wherein the notification is sent to the traveler quasi-
2 automatically.
- 1 72. The method of claim 1, wherein the traveler is notified via the Internet.

- 1 73. The method of claim 1, wherein the traveler is notified via an e-mail
2 message.
- 1 74. The method of claim 1, wherein the traveler is notified via a pager message.
- 1 75. The method of claim 1, wherein the traveler is notified via a telephone
2 message.
- 1 76. The method of claim 1, wherein the traveler is notified via a fax message.
- 1 77. The method of claim 1, further comprising receiving a non-charter transport
2 service's ticket from the traveler.
- 1 78. The method of claim 1, further comprising receiving a non-charter transport
2 service's ticket from the traveler and returning the non-charter transport
3 service's ticket to the non-charter transport service for reimbursement.
- 1 79. The method of claim 1, further comprising if a scheduled charter transport
2 run is not available to accommodate the passenger accommodation request,
3 scheduling a new charter transport run to accommodate the passenger
4 accommodation request.
- 1 80. The method of claim 1, further comprising obtaining an additional passenger
2 accommodation request for an intermediate origin-destination-pair and
3 obtaining a passenger accommodation reservation on the charter transport for
4 the additional passenger accommodation request.
- 1 81. The method of claim 1, further comprising obtaining an additional passenger
2 accommodation request for an intermediate origin-destination-pair, obtaining
3 an additional passenger accommodation reservation on the charter transport

4 for the additional passenger accommodation request, and notifying a traveler
5 associated with the additional passenger accommodation request of the
6 additional passenger accommodation reservation and a departure time of the
7 charter transport from an origin of the intermediate origin-destination-pair.

1 82. A method for filling a dead-leg charter transport run, comprising:
2 communicating an origin, destination, and departure period of a
3 charter transport having a dead-leg run; and
4 receiving a passenger list and departure schedule.

1 83. The method of claim 82, further comprising allowing each passenger
2 identified on the passenger list to board the charter transport upon arrival at a
3 transport boarding facility.

1 84. The method of claim 82, further comprising boarding one or more passengers
2 identified on the passenger list.

1 85. The method of claim 82, further comprising delaying departure to
2 accommodate a late-arriving passenger.

1 86. The method of claim 82, further comprising expediting departure when all
2 passengers identified on the passenger list have boarded the charter transport.

1 87. The method of claim 82, further comprising departing ahead of schedule
2 when all passengers identified on the passenger list have boarded the charter
3 transport.

1 88. The method of claim 82, further comprising transporting passengers
2 identified on the passenger list.

- 1 89. A method for filling one or more available passenger accommodations on a
2 charter transport, comprising:
3 communicating an availability of the charter transport to an
4 accommodation reservation service; and
5 receiving a passenger list and departure schedule from the
6 accommodation reservation service.
- 1 90. The method of claim 89, further comprising communicating run periods
2 associated with the charter transport.
- 1 91. The method of claim 89, further comprising receiving inspection
2 communications.
- 1 92. The method of claim 89, further comprising receiving inspection
2 communications related to maintenance.
- 1 93. The method of claim 89, further comprising receiving inspection
2 communications related to service.
- 1 94. The method of claim 89, further comprising receiving inspection
2 communications in the form of reminders.
- 1 95. The method of claim 89, further comprising receiving inspection
2 communications in the form of requests.
- 1 96. The method of claim 89, further comprising receiving inspection
2 communications in the form of orders.
- 1 97. A method for filling an available passenger accommodations on a charter
2 transport, comprising:

3 submitting a bid to fulfil a passenger accommodation request; and
4 receiving notification that the bid was successful.

1 98. A method for filling an available passenger accommodation on a charter
2 transport, comprising:

3 communicating an availability of the charter transport;
4 receiving bids for the available passenger accommodation; and
5 selecting a bid for the available passenger accommodation.

1 99. A method for obtaining a passenger accommodation reservation on a charter
2 transport, comprising:

3 submitting a passenger accommodation reservation request having an
4 origin, destination, and departure period; and
5 receiving a passenger accommodation reservation and a departure
6 schedule.

1 100. The method of claim 99, further comprising receiving notification of a
2 charter transport run.

1 101. The method of claim 99, further comprising receiving notification of a
2 charter transport run corresponding to the passenger accommodation
3 reservation request.

1 102. The method of claim 99, further comprising receiving a bid to provide a
2 passenger accommodation.

1 103. The method of claim 99, further comprising receiving a bid to provide a
2 passenger accommodation, the bid related to the passenger accommodation
3 reservation request.

- 1 104. The method of claim 99, further comprising receiving a plurality of bids to
2 provide a passenger accommodation, the plurality of bids related to the
3 passenger accommodation reservation request.
- 1 105. The method of claim 99, further comprising selecting a bid to provide a
2 passenger accommodation.
- 1 106. The method of claim 99, further comprising accepting a bid to provide a
2 passenger accommodation.
- 1 107. The method of claim 99, further comprising receiving a passenger
2 accommodation reservation offer associated with a charter transport run.
- 1 108. The method of claim 99, further comprising receiving a passenger
2 accommodation reservation offer associated with a charter transport run
3 related to the passenger accommodation reservation request.
- 1 109. The method of claim 99, further comprising accepting a passenger
2 accommodation reservation offer associated with a charter transport run.
- 1 110. The method of claim 99, further comprising accepting a passenger
2 accommodation reservation offer for a charter transport run related to the
3 passenger accommodation reservation request.
- 1 111. The method of claim 99, further comprising providing payment for the
2 passenger accommodation reservation.
- 1 112. The method of claim 99, further comprising arriving at a charter transport
2 boarding facility.

- 1 113. The method of claim 99, further comprising boarding the charter transport.
- 1 114. A method for obtaining a passenger accommodation reservation on a charter
2 transport, comprising:
3 reviewing available charter transports; and
4 submitting a bid for a passenger accommodation on a charter
5 transport run.
- 1 115. The method of claim 114, further comprising identifying at least one origin-
2 destination-pair.
- 1 116. The method of claim 114, further comprising identifying at least one origin-
2 destination-pair and a corresponding time period.
- 1 117. The method of claim 114, further comprising receiving notification of a
2 successful bid.
- 1 118. The method of claim 114, further comprising receiving a passenger
2 accommodation reservation.
- 1 119. The method of claim 114, further comprising receiving a departure schedule.

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